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1. Program Content

The demonstrations, disorders and purges in Czechoslovakia, Berlin, Rumania, Hungary, etc. and the arrest of Beria gave HTGRUBBY a rich source of external news to interpret to the Albanian people. In addition to mentioning the usual lines, such as the Soviet's corruption and weakness, and the union and determination of the oppressed peoples, HTGRUBBY was given another opening for an attack as a result of Radio Tirane's continual insistence that all of these disturbances were caused by the Americans in spite of the fact that PRAVDA and various Communist officials had admitted the riots were due to poor administration and judgment on the part of the Communist officials.

In connection with Beria's arrest, HTGRUBBY pointed out that since Stalin's death, it had predicted the internal struggle that would take place in the Soviet hierarchy and the consequent purges. No specific predictions of just who would be purged in Albania were made, but HTGRUBBY pointed out that purges were sure to occur and that the Free World was ready to give political asylum to bona fide, repentant, former Communists.

There was little intelligence material available from within Albania which afforded much material for attack other than Tirane's announcement of the wiping off of old agricultural debts from the books which HTGRUBBY was quick to point out was a spurious palliative since the Communists had already set the 1953 quotas so high that the farmers would again be in debt and in fear of their safety. Fortunately, a well educated and informed refugee, Dervish Bojlejri, has recently been interrogated by the staff and has given and promises to give much material which will be used on HTGRUBBY in the near future. We believe that Bojlejri will prove to be the most fruitful source of information which HTGRUBBY has had in quite some time. HTGRUBBY continued its policy of having several appeals to various social groups within Albania, especially to the Albanian Army whose anniversary was celebrated by the Communists in a subdued manner on 10 July.

2. Transmission

HTGRUBBY transmitted every day during this period; two transmissions over two different frequencies in the early morning, early afternoon, early evening, and late evening hours making eight different transmissions daily. The new powerful transmitters continue to be used for all broadcasts.

3. Reception and Effect

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3. Reception and Effect Within Albania

[] reported that during his tour of duty at the Greek-Albanian border he was able to hear HTGRUBBY very clearly. The latest monitoring reports received from Bari indicate that in general HTGRUBBY was clearly audible during the period from 23 April to 4 June 1953.

4. Personnel

RNADUANA is still on extended sick leave with his heart ailment. [] has returned from the hospital to full time duties. The provisional operational clearances of several HTGRUBBY candidates make it appear hopeful that it will be possible to resume English translations of scripts and allow HTGRUBBY members brief summer vacations in the near future, as well as supplying replacements for Loring and AIRLESS who are expected to leave this year for the U.S.

In addition to her regular duties as intelligence analyst, [] continued during this period to hand in scripts for use on HTGRUBBY as well as selecting and suggesting material for other HTGRUBBY staff writers to develop.